WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

# Chiaki Kuriyama

**Chiaki Kuriyama** (栗山 千明, *Kuriyama Chiaki*, born October 10, 1984) is a Japanese actress, singer, and model. She is best known in the West for her roles as Takako Chigusa in Kinji Fukasaku's 2000 film *Battle Royale* and Gogo Yubari in Quentin Tarantino's 2003 film *Kill Bill: Volume 1*.

| Chiaki Kuriyama<br>栗山 千明 | |
|---|---|
| <br>Kuriyama at the 26th Tokyo International Film Festival (2013) | |
| **Born** | October 10, 1984<br>Tsuchiura, Ibaraki, Japan |
| **Nationality** | Japanese |
| **Occupation(s)** | Actress, model, singer |
| **Years active** | 1995–present |
| **Height** | 1.62 m (5 ft 4 in) |
| **Website** | chiakikuriyama.net (http://chiakikuriyama.net) |

## Life and career

She was born in Tsuchiura, Ibaraki. Kuriyama was a popular model during Japan's child model boom in the mid-1990s. In 1997, she appeared in the photobooks *Shinwa-Shōjo* (*Girl of Myth*) and *Shōjokan* (*Girl's Residence*), photographed by Kishin Shinoyama. *Shinwa-Shōjo* became a best-seller but, as it contained some nudity, was discontinued by the publisher in 1999 after the institution of new anti–child pornography laws. She also posed as a model for the child fashion magazines *Nicola* (1997–2001) and *Pichi Lemon* (1996–2001).

She first achieved widespread recognition as an actress in Japan for her starring roles in the horror films *Shikoku* (1999) and *Ju-on* (2000). Chiaki also appeared in the 2000 action film *Battle Royale* as Takako Chigusa.

Following feature appearances on several notable Japanese television programs (including *Rokubanme no Sayoko*), Kuriyama made her Hollywood debut in director Quentin Tarantino's 2003 film *Kill Bill: Volume 1* as Gogo Yubari, the schoolgirl bodyguard of yakuza boss O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu). Kuriyama's other film appearances include major roles in the ninja drama *Azumi 2: Death or Love* and Takashi Miike's *Yōkai Daisensō*.

In 2010, she released the CD single "Ryūsei no Namida" on DefStar Records under the artist name "CHiAKi KURiYAMA". The song was used as the first ending theme for *Mobile Suit Gundam Unicorn*. This single was followed by three others under her name as traditionally written in Japanese: "Kanōsei Girl", "Cold Finger Girl", and "Oishii Kisetsu" /

"Ketteiteki Sanpunkan"; "Kanōsei Girl" was used as the third opening theme for *Yorinuki Gin Tama-san* and "Cold Finger Girl" was used as the opening for the anime adaptation of *Level E*. She followed the singles with an album, *Circus*, in 2011.[1]

# Discography

## Album

List of albums, with selected chart positions

| Title | Album details | Peak positions | Sales (JPN)[2] |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | JPN [3] | |
| *Circus* | ▪ Released: March 16, 2011<br>▪ Re-released: January 11, 2012<br>▪ Label: Defstar Records<br>▪ Formats: CD, CD/DVD, digital download | 19 | 12,000 |

## Singles

List of singles, with selected chart positions

| Title | Year | Peak chart positions | | Sales (JPN)[2] | Album |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *Oricon* Singles Charts [3] | *Billboard* Japan Hot 100 [4][A][B] | | |
| "Ryūsei no Namida" (流星のナミダ, "Meteor Tears")[C] | 2010 | 11 | 24 | 21,000 | Non-album single |
| "Kanōsei Girl" (可能性ガール, *Kanōsei Gāru*, "Possibility Girl") | | 30 | 41 | 8,000 | *Circus* |
| "Cold Finger Girl" (コールドフィンガーガール, *Kōrudo Fingā Gāru*) | 2011 | 39 | 88 | 5,000 | |
| "Oishii Kisetsu" | | 37 | 100 | 4,000 | |
| "Ketteiteki Sanpunkan" | | | — | | |
| "Tsukiyo no Shōzō" | | 62 | —[D] | 2,000 | *Circus Deluxe Edition* |
| "Toyosu Luciferin" (とよす☆ルシフェリン, *Toyosu Rushiferin*) | 2013 | 109 | — | 900 | Non-album single |
| "0" | | 111 | — | 500 | |
| "Dilemma" | 2014 | — | — | | |

# Filmography

## Television

| Year | Title | Role | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1998 | *Nacchan Ka* | | |
| 1999 | *Kowai Dowa - Oyayubihime* | Sayako | |
| 2000 | *Ju-on: The Curse* | Mizuho Tamamura | |
| 2000 | *Rokubanme no Sayoko* | Sayoko Tsumura | |
| 2000 | *MPD Psycho* | Mao Tōju | |
| 2000 | *Himitsu Kurabu o-daiba.com* | Kazumi Naruse | |
| 2000 | *Kabushiki Kaisha o-daiba.com* | Kazumi Naruse | |
| 2001 | *R-17* | Saori Maruyama | |
| 2006 | *Jyooubachi* | Tomoko/Kotoe Daidoji | |
| 2006 | *Woman's Island* | Rei Fujishima | |
| 2006 | *Haru, Barneys de* | Sakurai Sae | |
| 2006 | *Kakure Karakuri* | Karin Hanayama | |
| 2007 | *Hagetaka* | Yuka Mishima | |
| 2007 | *Tokkyu Tanaka 3 Go* | Terumi Meguro | |
| 2008 | *Ashita no Kita Yoshio* | Rika Hasegawa | |
| 2008 | *Loss Time Life* | Ayaka Kurosaki | |
| 2008 | *Sirius no Michi* | Yuka Hirano | |
| 2010 | *Atami no Sosakan* | Sae Kitajima | |
| 2011 | *Rebound* | Hitomi Mimura | |
| 2011 | *Tsukahara Bokuden* | Mahiro | |
| 2011 | *Himitsu Chohoin Erika* | Erika Takahashi | |
| 2011–12 | *Carnation* | Natsu Yoshida | |
| 2012 | *Ataru* | Maiko Ebina | |
| 2012 | *Jikken Keiji Totori* | Makorin | |
| 2013 | *Ataru Special: New York kara no Chōsenjō* | Maiko Ebina | |
| 2013 | *Haitatsu Saretai Watashitachi* | Yu Okue | |
| 2013 | *Kaibutsu* | Emi Ishikawa | |
| 2013 | *Jikken Keiji Totori 2* | Makorin | |
| 2013 | *Shikeidai no 72 Jikan* | Tōko Natsuki | |
| 2014 | *Team Batista 4: Rasen Meikyū* | Sumire Sakuranomiya | |

Kuriyama at an event in 2010

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2014 | *Alice no Toge* | Miwa Hoshino | |
| 2014 | *Satsujin Hensachi 70* | Sana Nishiura | |
| 2014 | *Dr. Nâsu eido* | Kotomi Hayashi | |
| 2014 | *Time Taxi* | Misora Shibayama | |
| 2015 | *Algernon ni Hanataba wo* | Haruka Mochizuki | |
| 2015 | *HEAT* | Sakura Azumi | |
| 2016 | *Nobunaga Moyu* | Kajūji Haruko | |
| 2016 | *Fukigen na Kajitsu* | Mayako Mizukoshi | |
| 2016 | *Copy Face* | Nodoka Hirosawa, Fuyuko Asakura | |
| 2017–18 | *CSI: Crime Scene Talks* | Rio Kanzaki | |
| 2017 | *Wedding Bells For The Otaku?* | Haruko Fujita | Television film |
| 2020–21 | *24 Japan* | Itsuki Mizuishi | [10] |

## Films

| Year | Title | Role | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1995 | *Toire no Hanako-san* | Little Child | |
| 1995 | *Gonin* | Ogiwara's daughter | |
| 1999 | *Shikoku* | Sayori Hiura | |
| 2000 | *Kamen Gakuen* | Reika Dojima | |
| 2000 | *Ju-on: The Curse* | Mizuho Tamura | |
| 2000 | *Battle Royale* | Takako Chigusa - Girl #13 | |
| 2003 | *Kill Bill: Volume 1* | Gogo Yubari | |
| 2003 | *Itsuka 'A' Torein ni Notte* | Yuki Noguchi | |
| 2004 | *Kagen no Tsuki* | Mizuki Mochizuki | |
| 2005 | *Mail* | Mikoto | |
| 2005 | *Azumi 2: Death or Love* | Kozue | |
| 2005 | *Into the Sun* | Ayako | |
| 2005 | *The Great Yokai War* | Agi | |
| 2005 | *Scrap Heaven* | Saki Fujimura | |
| 2006 | *Kisarazu Cats Eye: World Series* | Ayako Sugimoto | |
| 2007 | *Exte (エクステ, Ekusute)* | Yuko Mizushima | |
| 2007 | *Tengu Gaiden* | Amaya | |
| 2008 | *Kids* | Shiho | |
| 2008 | *GS Wonderland* | Miku Ono | |
| 2008 | *Komori Seikatsu Kojo Club* | Shizue | |
| 2009 | *Kamogawa Horumo* | Fumi Kusunoki | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2009 | *Hagetaka: The Movie* | Yuka Mishima | |
| 2010 | *Neck* | Eiko Akasaka | |
| 2012 | *Ghostwriter Hotel* | Naoko Utsumi | |
| 2012 | *SPEC: Ten* | Satoko Aoike | |
| 2013 | *Toshokan Sensō* | Asako Shibasaki | [11] |
| 2013 | *SPEC: Close: Incarnation* | Satoko Aoike | |
| 2013 | *SPEC: Close: Reincarnation* | Satoko Aoike | |
| 2013 | *Ataru the First Love & the Last Kill* | Maiko Ebina | |
| 2014 | *Team Batista Final: Kerberos no Shōzō* | Sumire Sakuranomiya | |
| 2015 | *Library Wars: The Last Mission* | Asako Shibasaki | |
| 2015 | *A Sower of Seeds 2* | Keiko Kanno | |
| 2016 | *Himitsu – Top Secret* | Yukiko Miyoshi | |
| 2017 | *Blade of the Immortal* | Hyakurin | |
| 2019 | *Chiwawa* | Yūko | |
| 2021 | *A Sower of Seeds 4* | Keiko Jinno | [12] |
| 2017 | *Fullmetal Alchemist: The Final Alchemy* | Olivier Mira Armstrong | [13] |

## Voice roles

| Year | Title | Role | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1999 | *Eden's Bowy* | Konyako Persia | |
| 2008 | *The Sky Crawlers* | Midori Mitsuya | |
| 2012 | *Dragon Age: Dawn of the Seeker* | Cassandra Pentaghast | [14] |
| 2012 | *The Expendables 2* | Maggie Chan | Voice dub for Yu Nan[15] |
| 2013 | *Star Trek Into Darkness* | Uhura | Voice dub for Zoe Saldana[16] |
| 2017 | *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales* | Carina Smyth | Voice dub for Kaya Scodelario[17] |

## Video games

| Year | Title | Role | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2011 | *Ryū ga Gotoku of the End* | Misuzu Asagi | |
| 2011 | *Shadows of the Damned* | Paula | [18] |
| 2020 | *Death Come True* | Akane Sachimura | [19] |

## Stage

- *Dogen's adventure* (2008)

- *Coast of Utopia* (2009)
- *Midnight in Bali* (2017)[20]

## Photobooks

- Namaiki! Photo: Kishin Shinoyama.Text:Akio Nakamori. (ISBN 4-10-326205-2,1996)
- Tenshi/angel (天使) Photo: Mitsuo Kawamoto. (ISBN 4-09-680821-0,1996).
- Sinwa-Shoujo (神話少女）Photo: Kishin Shinoyama. Text:Akio Nakamori.(ISBN 4-10-326207-9,1997)
- Shoujokan (少女館)Photo: Kishin Shinoyama. (ISBN 4-10-326209-5,1997)
- Shikoku nite (死国にて)(ISBN 4-04-904318-1,1999)
- Kuriyama Chiaki ACCESS BOOK (栗山千明ACCESS BOOK)(ISBN 4-04-853047-X,1999)
- Princess (プリンセス 栗山千明×蜷川実花）Photo: Mika Ninagawa. (ISBN 4-06-352725-5,2004)
- digi+KISHIN DVD:Chiaki Kuriyama. Image Film by Kishin Shinoyama. (ASIN B0001LNO7O,2004)
- digi+Girls kishin NO.4 Kuriyama Chiaki (digi+Girls kishin NO.4 栗山 千明) Photo: Kishin Shinoyama. (ASIN: 4255002797, 2004)
- Car girl Photo: Kishin Shinoyama. (ISBN 4-584-17094-0,2004)
- Emergence Uka (羽化) Photo: Chikashi Kasai. (ISBN 4-02-331332-7,2014)

## Awards and nominations

| Year | Award | Category | Nominated work | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2004 | 2004 MTV Movie Awards | Best Fight | *Kill Bill: Vol. 1* | Won |
| 2004 | 30th Saturn Awards | Cinescape Genre Face of the Future Award | *Kill Bill: Vol. 1* | Nominated |
| 2009 | Fantastic Fest | Best Fantastic Actress | *Kamogawa Horumo* | Won |

## Notes

A. The Japan Hot 100 was established in February 2008.

B. Sources for chart positions are as follows: "Ryūsei no Namida",[5] "Kanōsei Girl",[6] "Cold Finger Girl",[7] "Oishii Kisetsu".[8]

C. Under the name CHiAKi KURiYAMA.

D. Charted at number 61 on the *Billboard* Hot Single Sales chart.[9]

## References


1. Daniel Robson (2011-03-04). "Kuriyama trades her blades for a song" (https://www.japantimes.co.jp/culture/2011/03/04/culture/kuriyama-trades-her-blades-for-a-song/). *The Japan Times*. Retrieved 2017-12-27.

2. "オリコンランキング情報サービス「you大樹」" (http://ranking.oricon.co.jp) [Oricon Ranking Information Service 'You Big Tree']. *Oricon*. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
3. "栗山千明のリリース一覧" (http://www.oricon.co.jp/prof/artist/203725/products/release/) [List of at Chiaki Kuriyama's Releases]. *Oricon*. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
4. "Hot 100｜JAPAN Charts｜Billboard JAPAN" (http://www.billboard-japan.com/charts/detail/?a=hot100). *Billboard* (in Japanese). Retrieved 2017-12-27.
5. "Japan Billboard Hot 100 2010/03/08" (http://www.billboard-japan.com/charts/detail?a=hot100&year=2010&month=03&day=08). *Billboard* (in Japanese). 2010-03-08. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
6. "Japan Billboard Hot 100 2010/11/29" (http://www.billboard-japan.com/charts/detail?a=hot100&year=2010&month=11&day=29). *Billboard* (in Japanese). 2010-11-29. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
7. "Japan Billboard Hot 100 2011/02/07" (http://www.billboard-japan.com/charts/detail?a=hot100&year=2011&month=02&day=07). *Billboard* (in Japanese). 2011-02-07. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
8. "Japan Billboard Hot 100 2011/03/14" (http://www.billboard-japan.com/charts/detail?a=hot100&year=2011&month=03&day=14). *Billboard* (in Japanese). 2011-03-14. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
9. "Hot Single Sales 2011/12/05" (http://www.billboard-japan.com/charts/detail?a=sales&year=2011&month=12&day=05). *Billboard* (in Japanese). 2011-12-05. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
10. "『24 JAPAN』CTUメンバー発表 栗山千明、池内博之、朝倉あき、村上弘明、佐野史郎" (https://www.oricon.co.jp/news/2167774/full/). *oricon.co.jp* (in Japanese). 2020-07-24. Retrieved 2020-10-13.
11. "Library War Live-Action Film's Promo Aired (Updated)" (http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/news/2013-02-11/library-war-live-action-film-promo-streamed). *Anime News Network*. 2013-02-11. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
12. "栗山千明の主演作「種まく旅人」第4弾が来年春公開、平岡祐太も写したポスター到着" (https://natalie.mu/eiga/news/400529). *Natalie*. Retrieved October 22, 2020.
13. "Live-Action Fullmetal Alchemist Sequel Films Preview Hohenheim, Bradley, Ling, Olivier in New Stills" (https://www.animenewsnetwork.com/daily-briefs/2022-03-11/live-action-fullmetal-alchemist-sequel-films-preview-hohenheim-bradley-ling-olivier-in-new-stills/.183477). *Anime News Network*. March 11, 2022. Retrieved March 14, 2022.
14. "Battle Royale/Kill Bill's Kuriyama, Gackt Star in Dragon Age" (http://www.animenewsnetwork.com/news/2011-12-07/battle-royale/kill-bill-kuriyama-gackt-star-in-dragon-age). *Anime News Network*. 2011-12-07. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
15. "エクスペンダブルズ２" (https://www.fukikaeru.com/archives/deta_201210_01.html). *Fukikaeru*. Retrieved January 27, 2022.
16. "スター・トレック　イントゥ・ダークネス" (https://www.star-ch.jp/channel/detail.php?movie_id=22395). *Star Channel*. Retrieved June 13, 2021.
17. "パイレーツ・オブ・カリビアン／最後の海賊" (https://www.star-ch.jp/channel/detail.php?movie_id=26981). *Star Channel*. Retrieved March 13, 2019.
18. "グラスホッパー・マニファクチュアの須田剛一氏とTango Gameworksの三上真司氏が手掛ける『SHADOW OF THE DAMNED（シャドウ オブ ザ ダムド）』のジャパンプレミアが行われ、発売日とともに浅野忠信、栗山千明ら豪華キャストが発表された。" (http://www.famitsu.com/news/201106/23045661.html). *Famitsu*. 2011-06-23. Retrieved 2017-12-27.
19. Romano, Sal (December 13, 2019). "Death Come True introduces police investigator Akane Sachimura" (https://gematsu.com/2019/12/death-come-true-introduces-police-investigator-akane-sachimura). *Gematsu*. Retrieved December 13, 2019.

20. "栗山千明、溝端淳平が9月上演の「ミッドナイト・イン・パリ」で7年ぶり共演" (https://web.archive.org/web/20170213165131/http://www.hochi.co.jp/entertainment/20170212-OHT1T50280.html). *スポーツ報知*. 報知新聞社. 2017-02-13. Archived from the original (http://www.hochi.co.jp/entertainment/20170212-OHT1T50280.html) on 2017-02-13. Retrieved 2017-02-13.

# External links

- Chiaki Kuriyama (https://twitter.com/chiakikuriyama_) on Twitter (in Japanese)
- Chiaki Kuriyama (https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0475752/) at IMDb
- Chiaki Kuriyama (https://www.allmovie.com/artist/p272581) at AllMovie

---

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Chiaki_Kuriyama&oldid=1136211680"